

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 525 East 7th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the September 19, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- The City Council asked me to inform you of any action concerning new or expansions of CAFO's being proposed in Rush County. Last week I received a packet from IDEM with a letter to residents in the area of 450W and 200N. I have the information for your review.
- I distributed a copy of a letter concerning outdoor wood-burning furnaces from IDEM. Basically IDEM is attempting to work to find one or more solutions to protect the environment and still allow the outdoor wood-burning devices to be used. They want more research and data before entering into the rulemaking process. The letter states they are committed to work toward a solution that is palatable for both sides.
- Informed Council of an article in the Rush County Monitor regarding the ethanol plant. Bridges assured Council that the ethanol plant is completely safe.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

Copley said there were still some forms out on the drug testing and asked the Department Heads to get them to her as soon as possible.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT \* \* \***

Pavey said regarding the ag zoning matter, Brad Buening has resigned from Farm Bureau, but said he will still complete the work he had earlier promised the City. Pavey said it will probably cost the City something since Buening will be working on his own time.

Pavey also indicated that the fiber board met and sent out RFP's. There will be a wage meeting on Thursday.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS \* \* \***

Tim Yazel from the Area Plan Commission said they had a public hearing on the amendment to the City Zoning Ordinance adding additional permitted land uses to the C-1 Zone. Sheehan made a motion to adopt the amendment for the C-1 Zone. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

**Police** – Fudge handed out a monthly report. Fudge also asked for an amendment to the salary ordinance regarding the amount of specialty pay and that 7 employees would receive specialty pay. All specialty pays would be the same amount of \$26.92 per pay, which would also be available to the Chief and Assistant Chief. However, an officer would only be eligible to be paid for only one specific specialty. This was indicated with the police budget, but failed to reflect this in the salary ordinance. Copley will amend the salary ordinance

**Fire** – The Fire Department responded to 66 calls last month. 45 of those calls were medical.

**Animal** – Hill handed out a monthly report.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \***

Pavey had a concern regarding the length of time political signs were allowed to be displayed in resident's yards. Presently the guideline is 45 days before an election and 7 days after election, some residents did not agree with this time frame. Sheehan suggested that the election board appear before Council with their recommendation. After further discussion, Sheehan made a motion to remove the language from the zoning ordinance regarding political signs. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Byrne asked for a clarification for the newly annexed area and the disposal of leaves. Bennett said along the highway he preferred that leaves be bagged for safety reasons, but that was not mandatory. Bennett agreed to prepare a news release to inform the residents how to dispose of leaves.

Sheehan questioned any guidelines for private people cutting down trees. He was contacted by a resident that someone in the neighborhood was cutting

down a tree and it took out some of another neighbor's power lines. The cable company and Duke Energy will send a bill for the repairs to the people who cut down the tree.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Furnace Quotes for Animal Shelter** – The following 4 quotes were received:

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| 1. | Cadwallader Heating & Cooling | - | \$6,424.00 |
| 2. | Marlatt Heating & Cooling     | - | \$4,230.00 |
| 3. | J.R. Wortman Co., Inc.        | - | \$7,550.00 |
| 4. | Grocox Plumbing & Heating     | - | \$4,481.10 |

Fields made a motion to accept Marlatt's bid. Sheehan seconded the motion. After some question on the bid, Fields rescinded his motion. The bids were discussed in detail. Councilman Byrne then made a motion to accept the quote of Marlatt with Marlatt's clarification as to if it included duct work, gas line and removal of the furnace. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Elected Official's Salary Ordinance 2006-18** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the elected official's salary ordinance on third and final reading with a 3% pay increase for 2007. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Annexation Claims** – Byrne made a motion to approve the annexation claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Resolution 2006-24** – Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-24 adding monies back to appropriations. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Dates** – Several Councilmen had a conflict with the next meeting date. It was agreed to have only one meeting in October. However, if another meeting became necessary it was agreed to meet on October 24 if necessary. The first meeting in November will be Monday, November 6 instead of the 7<sup>th</sup> due to election day.

There was no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER